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### **THANK YOU EDMONDS FLORETUM GARDEN CLUB!**

Several Board members from the Edmonds Floretum Garden Club presented a \$10,000 check to Mayor David Earling and Carrie Hite, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director for the development of Hazel Miller Plaza.

The President of the Floretum Garden Club, Jeri Schoenfeld was joined with officers and members of Floretum Garden Club including Pauline Gubbels, Past President; Barbara Chase, Diane Buckshnis; Nadeen Miller, Treasurer; Patti Greene, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; and Linda Murray, Secretary.

Four years ago, Floretum was inspired to renovate what was known as Old Milltown Garden. One of their legacy members, Rachel Setchfield, designed the original landscape in the 1970's and maintained the garden for many years. In 2008, the garden club started raising funds to redevelop the garden, and many members made significant individual contributions of over \$1,000.

The Floretum Garden Club has committed \$12,000 for this project. They have made a \$2,000 donation for a memorial bench in Rachel Setchfield's honor. Today, they presented a check for \$10,000 to the City of Edmonds for the plantings in the Plaza. Schoenfeld stated, "We sincerely thank the City and the Parks Department for their support and contributions in making this garden a reality".

Mayor Earling was pleased to accept the check on behalf of the City and acknowledged its importance to the project. He sincerely thanked the members for all the work they do for the City. The City is extremely grateful for their commitment to the project.

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